

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 to 41 have been canceled.

The claims have been amended as follows:

42. (amended) A conditional order transaction network that matches or compares buy and sell orders for a plurality of items based upon conditions set forth within the order, including the price represented as an algorithm with constraints thereon, the conditional order transaction network comprising:

a variable number of trader terminals for entering an order for an item in the form of an algorithm with constraints thereon that represent a willingness to transact, where the price is the dependent variable of the algorithm within the constraints and [the] dynamically changing price of another item as an independent variable, the price as the dependent variable being continuously changeable responsive to changes in price of the independent variable, the algorithm representing a buy or sell order;

controller computer means coupled to each of the trader terminals over a communications network and receiving as inputs, each algorithm with its corresponding constraints;

means for matching, in accordance with the constraints and conditions, algorithmic buy orders with algorithmic sell orders; one of the conditions being the requirement that two or more securities are tradable contemporaneously as a contingent trade of those respective securities, and

means for matching or comparing, in accordance with the constraints and

conditions, algorithmic buy/sell orders with non-algorithmic sell/buy orders; one of the conditions being the requirement that two or more securities are tradable contemporaneously as a contingent trade of those respective securities, and

wherein the order algorithm can be represented as a line in two dimensional space with constraints having the price of one security as one axis and the price of another security as its other axis.

43. (amended) A conditional order transaction network that electronically matches or compares buy and sell orders for a plurality of items from the same or diverse equity markets based upon conditions set forth within the order, including the price represented as an algorithm with constraints thereon, the conditional order transaction network comprising:

a variable number of trader terminals for entering an order for an item in the form of an algorithm with constraints thereon that represent a willingness to transact, where the price is the dependent variable of the algorithm within the constraints and [the] dynamically changing price of another item as an independent variable, the price as the dependent variable being continuously changeable responsive to changes in price of the independent variable, the algorithm representing a buy or sell order;

controller computer means coupled to each of the trader terminals over a communications network and receiving as inputs, each algorithm with its corresponding constraints; and

a device for matching or comparing, in accordance with the constraints and

conditions, algorithmic buy/sell orders with algorithmic or non-algorithmic sell/buy orders and simultaneously executing a trade of said items in the same or diverse equity markets as a single electronically matched trade.

45. (amended) A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium for matching or comparing buy and sell orders for a plurality of items based upon conditions set forth within the order, including the price represented as an algorithm with constraints thereon, a source code for the program having a plurality of segments comprising:

a segment for processing data from a variable number of trader terminals for entering an order for an item in the form of an algorithm with constraints thereon that represent a willingness to transact, where the price is the dependent variable of the algorithm within the constraints and [the] dynamically changing price of another item as an independent variable, the price as the dependent variable being continuously changeable responsive to changes in price of the independent variable, the algorithm representing a buy or sell order; and

a segment for a controlling a computer coupled to each of the trader terminals over a communications network and receiving as inputs,

- a) each algorithm with its corresponding constraints and
- b) an external price feed depicting prices of various items and contracts from external multiple data sources which may be used as an independent variable of the algorithm or an input to a constraint variable, the source code further comprising,

a segment for matching or comparing, in accordance with the constraints and conditions, algorithmic buy/sell orders with algorithmic or non-algorithmic sell/buy orders through the use of the external multiple data sources, and

a segment for simultaneously executing a trade of said items in the same or diverse equity markets as a single electronically matched trade.

47. (amended) A computer data signal embodied in a carrier wave having a plurality of source code segments comprising:

a segment for processing data from a variable number of trader terminals for entering an order for an item in the form of an algorithm with constraints thereon that represent a willingness to transact, where [the] dynamically changing price is the dependent variable of the algorithm within the constraints and the price of another item as an independent variable, the price as the dependent variable being continuously changeable responsive to changes in price of the independent variable, the algorithm representing a buy or sell order; and

a segment for a controlling a computer coupled to each of the trader terminals over a communications network and receiving as inputs,

a) each algorithm with its corresponding constraints and
b) an external price feed depicting prices of various items and contracts from external multiple data sources which may be used as an independent variable of the algorithm or an input to a constraint variable, the source code further comprising,

a segment for matching or comparing, in accordance with the constraints and

conditions, algorithmic buy/sell orders with algorithmic or non-algorithmic sell/buy orders through the use of the external multiple data sources, and

a segment for simultaneously executing a trade of said items in the same or diverse equity markets as a single electronically matched trade.

49. (amended) A conditional order transaction network that matches or compares buy and sell orders for a plurality of items based upon conditions set forth within the order, including the price represented as an algorithm with constraints thereon, the conditional order transaction network comprising:

a variable number of trader terminals for entering an order for an item in the form of an algorithm with constraints thereon that represent a willingness to transact, where the price is the dependent variable of the algorithm within the constraints and [the] dynamically changing price of another item as an independent variable, the price as the dependent variable being continuously changeable responsive to changes in price of the independent variable, the algorithm representing a buy or sell order;

each trader terminal being programmable by a user to establish a preferred data display format, and translation circuitry for processing different incoming data formats into said preferred format;

controller computer means coupled to each of the trader terminals over a communications network and receiving as inputs, each algorithm with its corresponding constraints; and

a device for matching or comparing, in accordance with the constraints and

conditions, algorithmic buy/sell orders with algorithmic or non-algorithmic sell/buy orders and simultaneously executing a trade of said items in the same or diverse equity markets as a single electronically matched trade.

The following claims have been added:

--51. The conditional order transaction network of claim 1, further including a plurality of trader workstations for trading and negotiating prospective trades for instruments referenced in buy and sell orders, based upon conditions set forth in the orders including price represented by an algorithm with constraints thereon, each workstation comprising;

a display device for displaying the selected parameters of buy and sell orders in a prioritized sequence in a descending order of favorability across a display field, with the most favorable order at one distal end and the least favorable at the other distal end;

an input device for entering outgoing orders to be traded or negotiated into the trader workstation; and

a computer for receiving the outgoing orders and incoming order information from traders' terminals, and for controlling the display device, said computer including,

a comparator for comparing all incoming orders relative to outgoing orders, and

a sorter that resequences the orders in real-time in the display field as each order is received to reflect changes in the relative favorability of the orders responsive to changes in price of said another item as the independent variable.

52. The conditional order transaction network of claim 41, further including a plurality of trader workstations for trading and negotiating prospective trades for instruments referenced in buy and sell orders, based upon conditions set forth in the orders including price represented by an algorithm with constraints thereon, each workstation comprising;

a display device for displaying the selected parameters of buy and sell orders in a prioritized sequence in a descending order of favorability across a display field, with the most favorable order at one distal end and the least favorable at the other distal end;

an input device for entering outgoing orders to be traded or negotiated into the trader workstation; and

a computer for receiving the outgoing orders and incoming order information from traders' terminals, and for controlling the display device, said computer including,

a comparator for comparing all incoming orders relative to outgoing orders, and

a sorter that resequences the orders in real-time in the display field as each order is received to reflect changes in the relative favorability of the orders responsive to changes in price of said another item as the independent variable.

53. A conditional order transaction network that electronically matches or compares buy and sell orders for a plurality of items from the same or diverse equity

markets based upon conditions set forth within the order, including the represented as an algorithm with constraints thereon, the conditional order transaction network comprising:

a variable number of trader terminals for entering an order for an item in the form of an algorithm with constraints thereon that represent a willingness to transact, where [the] price is the dependent variable of the algorithm within the constraints and [the] dynamically changing price of another item as an independent variable, the price as the dependent variable being continuously changeable responsive to changes in price of the independent variable, the algorithm representing a buy or sell order; and

controller computer means coupled to each of the trader terminals over a communications network and receiving as inputs, each algorithm with its corresponding constraints;

means for matching, in accordance with the constraints and conditions, algorithmic or non-algorithmic buy orders with algorithmic or non-algorithmic sell orders, one of the conditions being the requirement that two or more items are tradable contemporaneously as a contingent trade of those respective items; and

simultaneously executing a trade of said items in the same or diverse equity markets as a single electronically matched trade responsive to changes in price of said another item as the independent variable.--